

Ayer Board of Health

Meeting Minutes

October 15, 2012 - Ayer Town Hall - Call to order 5:00 p.m.

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11:00 AM JH

Members present: Mary Spinner, Chair; Margaret Kidder, Clerk

Members absent: Marilyn McMillan, Member

Also present: Ruth Terry, Administrative Assistant

Documents: Agenda, Mail Update, State/Ayer Outdoor Wood Burning Regulation Comparison

- **M. Kidder motioned to approve the minutes of October 1, 2012, M. Spinner 2nd, A 2/0.**
- Regarding the question from last meeting re trains blocking tracks, M. Spinner spoke with the Fire Chief, who said there are regulations re time; he is to check and get back to her.
- Nashoba Associated Boards of Health – Bridgette Braley, Health Agent – material review:
 - Reviewed NABH activity reports and Shaker Hills food permit.
 - B. Braley went to civil court today re 65 West Main Street. The owner did not show up, so we won by default. Paperwork will follow.
 - The Board agreed to invite the owner of 128 Washington and 14 Williams Streets to the October 29 BOH meeting to discuss these properties.
 - The Board approved the permit checklist drafted by B. Braley for opening a food establishment in Ayer. It was suggested to include email addresses for the contacts and put the checklist on BOH letterhead. A second list will include our other permits and regs.
 - Current issues include a restaurant complaint, feral cats on Shirley Street, and possible food establishments on Barnum Road and Main Street.
- Fowl permits – We are waiting on Conservation Commission comments for 72 Snake Hill Road. Shirley Road is on hold until spring 2013.
- Bills approval – None.
- BOH regulation review –
 - Abandoned properties – M. Kidder is continuing to draft these regulations.
 - Outdoor Wood Burning (OWB) - A chart was distributed comparing the Ayer regulation and the state regulation, which includes:
 - The state specifies no variances for residential; Ayer reg considers a hardship variance.
 - State differentiates for residential and commercial; Ayer reg does not.
 - For stack height, state specifies 2 feet above roof peak; Ayer reg is to height of peak. The Board found Ayer regs tighter. It was agreed to remove language in the Ayer reg noting the state has no regs, since it no longer applies, but otherwise to leave the reg as is.
- Mail review –
 - Reverse 911 is scheduled to end on June 1, 2013. Police Chief is looking for grants.
 - Sovereign Consulting has requested to attend a BOH meeting to discuss Shepley's Hill Landfill. The Board agreed to check with M. McMillan and suggest the October 29 meeting.
 - The MassDEP audit of Lemac Realty at 211 West Main Street found no violations.
 - A killing frost is defined as two consecutive hours below 28°F and will kill all mosquitoes.
 - The Board reviewed the Town Accountant memo re BOH special revenue. The Emergency Planning Grant purchased a shelter trailer. We will ask about the SFR Septic revenue.
- **M. Kidder motioned to go into Executive Session under M.G.L. Chapter 30A Section 18 to discuss the physical condition of the work environment and then to reconvene in open session to adjourn the meeting, M. Spinner 2nd, A 2/0.**
The Board went into Executive Session at 5:37 p.m.
The Board reconvened in open session at 6:35 p.m.
- **M. Kidder motioned to adjourn, M. Spinner 2nd, A 2/0.**
Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Mary Spinner - 11/26/12